



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2005 Wisconsin Act 30**  
[2005 Assembly Bill 5]

**Health Benefit Purchasing  
Cooperatives**

2005 Wisconsin Act 30 modifies the statutes that were created in late 2003 relating to health benefit purchasing cooperatives.

Under the law prior to Act 30, one health benefit purchasing cooperative may be organized before January 1, 2008 in each of the five geographic areas designated by the Commissioner of Insurance, in consultation with the Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives. Act 30 eliminates the reference to January 1, 2008, and eliminates the limitation of five geographic areas. Therefore, under the statutes as affected by Act 30, health benefit purchasing cooperatives may be organized in geographic areas designated by the Commissioner of Insurance, with no statutory limitation on the number of geographic areas.

**Effective Date:** The Act takes effect on August 30, 2005.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.